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Macomb Township awarded grant to remove trees infected by the Emerald Ash Borer

LANSING – A federal grant will allow Macomb Township to remove 1,000 trees affected by the Emerald Ash Borer, said Sen. Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond Township.

“The Emerald Ash Borer created a path of destruction across Macomb Township,” Sanborn said. “Trees that used to grace this community are now posing serious safety concerns. The grant to remove diseased trees will provide Macomb Township with the resources needed to address this problem and protect our residents.”

The grant money will be distributed to Macomb Township by the Michigan Department of Agriculture for the removal of landscape ash trees 4 inches or larger that have been or will be removed from their individual municipal properties between March 1 and Nov. 30.

The one-time federal grants are helping 47 communities in Southeast Michigan offset ash tree removal costs in 2004 due to the Emerald Ash Borer. All communities located in the six-county core EAB infested area, including Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne, qualified for the special funding.

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